

The following is a list of needs for re-supplying the Chaplains Corps after Katrina. As time progresses this list will undoubtedly change. No one organization or agency is being asked to fill the entire list, we are grateful for whatever anyone is able to do.

Common office materials begin the list. They include but are not limited to; laptop computers (8 needed, some desktops can also work), office software, various other software, printers, fax machines, copiers, scanners, all necessary cords, adapters, extension cords, surge protectors, two and four drawer file cabinets. Office accessories such as desks, chairs, eight foot folding tables, some lights. Dry erase boards, markers, large note pads (artist sketch pads, 2'x3' for group presentation). Pens, paper, pencils etc.

Communication equipment such as portable and base station radios, batteries, chargers, headsets, hand mics. We urgently need to upgrade cell phones, ear pieces, batteries, chargers. Phone cards, office phones with multiple line capabilities. Digital cameras, scanners, software and the likes.

Cash and transportation are the major needs at this time. We are looking for a command trailer and motor home. There could also be a real need for a second or third unit if multiple incidents occur. Trailers do present the need for a tow vehicle to pull them. The big advantage is that we can unhook and have transportation once on scene. Motor homes offer a great advantage in that you can work as you are in transport. The problem they present is that they need to be stationary on site, which leaves us with transportation needs. Thus we are looking for both. A lead vehicle such as a Jeep is also being sought. Two motorcycles and two 4 wheelers with trailer are also needed. Along with this category will be items such as portable lights, generators, screen tents and awnings, and folding chairs. Camping items such as dishes, flashlights, several first aid kits and such will also be needed.

There are several miscellaneous but important needs as well, hard hats, slush boots, gloves, extension cords, walkie talkies, maps of your city, county, state, safety glasses/goggles, ear plugs/ear muffs, chain saw, laminating/photo ID machine.

Mobile clergy needs are as follows. We will have several "Arks" that will serve as portable churches. These will be large plastic tubs that will contain the following items to be stored and/or shipped to sites. Common Communion sets, boom boxes (and batteries) for field services, worship tapes, matzo bread, canned juice, anointing oil and small vials, small LIGHT WIEGHT Bibles, New Testaments, hymn booklets (hopefully paperback or something printed of current songs), tissue boxes and portable sound systems.

This is a start and by no means is comprehensive. Undoubtedly there are things omitted that may come to mind, feel free to contact us and see if we can use it. Any assistance by any group or organization is greatly appreciated. With several doing small parts we will be complete in no time. This is not to say that cash is not needed, frankly we need a major influx at this time.

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